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37 Arrested for DUI During First Weekend of National Impaired Driving Crackdown

8 more checkpoints and 50 patrols scheduled for coming weekend

Dover – Delaware law enforcement officers arrested 37 people for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs during the first weekend of the National Impaired Driving Crackdown: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* The arrests were the result of 6 six sobriety checkpoints and approximately 50 DUI Saturation Patrols. The stepped up enforcement activities are coordinated locally by the Office of Highway Safety, and are part of its Safe Family Holiday (SFH) Campaign. The SFH Campaign and the National Crackdown will continue through New Year's Eve.

In addition to the DUI arrests, officers also cited 4 for underage drinking violations, apprehended 6 wanted individuals, recovered one stolen vehicle, made 13 drug arrests, 9 felony arrests, and issued 16 citations for seat belt violations, four for child restraint violations and another 266 for additional traffic violations.

Eight more sobriety checkpoints and 50 DUI Saturation Patrols are scheduled for the coming weekend as the Crackdown continues. The following checkpoints are scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 19th and 20th:

Friday Dec. 19th - Wilmington - NcCo DUI Task Force

Seaford – DSP Troop 5 Milford – Milford PD Elsmere – DSP Troop 6 Millsboro – Millsboro PD

Saturday Dec. 20th - Rehoboth Beach – Rehoboth Beach PD

Newark – DSP Troop 2

Clayton – Smyrna/Clayton PDs joint checkpoint

The 10th annual Safe Family Holiday campaign runs from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve and involves a combination of high visibility enforcement efforts and public awareness activities. For campaign updates please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the Safe Family Holiday campaign icon in the center of the page.

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